Hardship faced by public sector wagon building units

384. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the public sector wagon building units are facing hardship due to non-placement of orders for wagon by the Railway Ministry; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Goverment to save these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Heavy Industry have been vigorously pursuing the matter with the Ministry of Railways for allocation of additional wagons orders. To partially make up for the heavy short-fall in wagon orders the wagon manufacturing units of Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. are making efforts to get into the export market and exploring the possibilities of larger non-wagon orders.

Procurement of wagon by Railways

385. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Industry have taken up the matter with Railway Ministry for expediting the wagon procurement; and

(b) if so, the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the year 1994-95 the Ministry of Railways have placed orders for 7860 four wheelers.

Revival of Reyrolle Burn Limited

386. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reyrolle Burn Ltd. was taken over by Government in June, 1990 and if so, whether a revival package of Rs. 210 lakhs was formulated by IRBI;

(b) whether the total share of the financial institutions was disbursed within the stipulated time for revival, if not, was there any budgetary support from Government during the revival period to compensate the undisbursed amount from the financial institutions and the Banks;

(c) whether the Company was required to post eight personnels in key areas during the revival process and if so, whether they were posted, if not, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether United Bank of India had charged a higher interest at the rate of 19.5 per cent instead of 16.5 per cent as stipulated in the package scheme; and

(e) whether inspite of the above company has been showing improvement in performance and if so, whether the company has still been referred to BIFR, though the original revival package scheme could not be implemented because of the failure of the concerned agencies to conply with the stipulations in the original rehabilitation package and if so, what steps are being taken by Government to revive the company as a promoter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A revival package involving investment of Rs. 210 lakhs in the Co. comprised payment of Rs. 75 lakhs by the Government, Rs. 40 lakhs each by Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) and Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and Rs. 55 lakhs by United Bank of India (UBI). Against this, Rs. 10 lakhs each by IRBI & IDBI and Rs. 23.50 lakhs by UBI are yet to be disbursed.

(c) As per the revival package eight officers were to be recruited. Six officers besides the Managing Director were posted. However due to unattractive pay packet, one officer

did not join and another left the Company.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) After the revival package the Company had improved its trun-over and reduced losses. On the basis of its audited accounts 1992-93, the Company was referred to BIFR. BIFR has declared it a sick Company and appointed Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) as the Operating Agency. The future of RBL will be dependent on the decision of BIFR.

Six year game plan for augmenting efficiency of PSUs

387. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: F20

(a) whether the proposal to have a six-year 'gameplan' for augmenting public sector units efficiency and formation of an apex body or nodal agency to implement the said 'gameplan' have become operational; and

(b) if so, the details of the gameplans and performance of the apex body or the nodal agency so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The plans for improving the efficiency of the public sector units are incorporated in the New Industrial Policy of July 1991, the implementation of which is a continuous process. There is no other gameplan for this purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

High-powered Authority on National Renewal Fund

388. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the non-official members of the High level Empowered Authority constituted to administer the National Renewal Fund;

(b) what is the basis for selecting them for this job; and

(c) what is the total number of members of the Empowered Authority and the total number of non-official members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) According to the approved guidelines of the National Renewal Fund, the non-official numbers of the Empowered Authority of the National Renewal Fund are nominated category-wise as under:—

(i) Labour representative nominated by Ministry of Labour.

(ii) Employers' representative nominated by the Department of Industrial Development in the Ministry of Industry.

(iii) Two eminent persons from outside Government with professional experience or expertise in the fields of management, industrial or labour relations.

The Empowered Authority is headed by the Secretary, Department of Industrial Development. The other official members of the Empowered Authority are Secretaries in charge of the Departments of Expenditure, Public Enterprises, Company Affairs, Education, Ministry of Labour, Economic Adviser in Ministry of Industry and the Additional Secretary, Department of Industrial Development as the Executive Director. The total number of the official members of the Empowered Authority presently, is six and that of non-official members four.

Foreign exchange brought in by NRIs

389. SHRI ASHOK MITRA:
DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign exchange brought in by NRIs for setting up industries in the core and basic sector; and

(b) the details of industries were production has started?